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Applicants' attorney requests the status of the above referenced application. A Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed December 12, 2003. No further Patent Office communications have been received.

If any matters remain that could be assisted by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 493-7603.

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